

***Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI)  
2003 Annual Meeting***

**Days Hotel and Conference Center in Herndon, Virginia  
Tuesday and Wednesday, September 9-10, 2003**

**Agenda**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2003** [Grand Ballroom, Salons A & B]

8:00 am     **Registration and Coffee - 30 minutes**

8:30 am     **Welcome and Introduction of Water 2025**

Robert Hirsch, ACWI Chair, Associate Director for Water,  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Bennett Raley, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science,  
U.S. Department of the Interior

9:00 am     **Federal Roundtable**

Opening Remarks, Jason Freihage,  
Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Process for the Data Call, Toni Johnson, USGS ♦  
ACWI Executive Secretary

*Objective: Identify major water programs, highlighting water  
quality monitoring activities, showing trends in funding over  
the past five years.*

Results of the Data Call:

- USEPA/OW – Charles Spooner
- DOI/USGS/WRD – Jim Peters
- USDA – Jeff Loser, NRCS
- DOI/NPS – Barry Long
- NOAA/NWS – Greg Mandt
- Discussion and Follow up

- 10:00 am     **Introductions**
- Gail Bingham, Resolve, Facilitator
  - Each ACWI Representative  
*Please introduce yourself and identify the organization you represent*
  - Other guests around the room  
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- 10:15 am     **BREAK - 15 minutes**
- 10:30 am     **Statements from New Member Organizations**
- American Chemistry Council (ACC)  
Tony Wagner, ACC Director, Division of Regulatory and Technical Affairs
  - American Water Resources Association (AWRA)  
Harry Zhang, AWRA Chair, Hydrology and Watershed Management Committee
  - Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA)  
David Denig-Chakroff, AMWA Board of Directors, Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC)
  - North American Lake Management Society (NALMS)  
Steven Heiskary, NALMS President
- 10:50 am     **Opportunity for Public Comment**  
*Response to the Federal Register Notice of the Meeting*
- 11:10 am     **Designing a Portal for Access to Water Databases**  
Ken Lanfear, USGS Office of Information
- 11:30 am     **Report on Water Data Coordination ♦**  
Steve Elstein, Assistant Director, Office of Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accounting Office (GAO)
- 11:50 am     **Subgroup Report: *Subcommittee on Sedimentation* (SOS)**  
Doug Glysson, USGS Office of Water Quality
- Overview of SOS ♦
  - Presentation of proposed ACWI Terms of Reference ♦
- Discussion, Approvals, Actions***

- 12:20 pm     **BREAK for Lunch – 1 hour 20 minutes** [move into Grand Ballroom, Salon C]
- 12:40 pm     **Keynote Speaker on Water Issues**  
Ken Kirk, Executive Director, Association of Metropolitan  
Sewerage Agencies (AMSA)
- 1:10 pm     **Overview of Ethics Responsibilities**  
*of members under the Federal Advisory Committee Act*  
Arthur Gray, Ethics Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior ♦
- 1:30 pm     **Move back to main room - 10 minutes** [Grand Ballroom, Salons A&B]
- 1:40 pm     **Subgroup Report: Subcommittee on Hydrology (SOH)**  
S. Samuel Lin, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Activities of Work Groups
    - Hydrologic Frequency Analysis
    - Hydrologic Modeling
    - Hydrologic Radio Frequency
    - Satellite Telemetry Interagency
  - Hydrologic Monitoring Conference 2006
  - Discussion, Approvals, Actions
- 2:10 pm     **American Heritage Rivers**  
Fred Fox, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 2:30 pm     **Subgroup Report: National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC),**  
Gail Mallard, USGS Office of the Associate Director for Water  
and Charles Spooner, EPA Office of Water, Co-Chairs
- Monitoring Framework
  - AWRA IMPACT Magazine on Water Quality Monitoring  
(In Press, September 2003)
  - Fact Sheet Series
  - 2004 National Monitoring Conference  
(Chattanooga, TN, May 2004)
  - Support for State and Regional Monitoring Councils
  - Discussion, Approvals, Actions
- 3:15 pm     **Evaluation of State and Regional Monitoring Councils**  
Charles Spooner, EPA Office of Water
- 3:30 pm     **BREAK – 15 minutes**

- 3:45 pm      **Subgroup Report: *Task Force on the USGS Cooperative Water Program (COOP)***  
Jim Peters, USGS COOP Program Coordinator
- Implementation of Recommendations from Program Review
  - Revised USGS Competition Memorandum ♦
  - Planning for Next Program Review
  - Discussion, Approvals, Actions

- 4:30 pm      **Subgroup Report: *National Liaison Committee National Water Quality Assessment Program (NAWQA)***  
Tim Miller, USGS Office of Water Quality
- Role of National Liaison Committee
  - Status of NAWQA Program and Studies
  - Discussion

- 5:00 pm      **Adjourn Day 1 – *Thank you all for your participation!***

- ♦      **Indicates a background sheet or document for Member packets**

**Wednesday, September 10, 2003** [Grand Ballroom, Salons A & B]

- 8:00 am     **Registration and Coffee - 15 minutes**
- 8:15 am     **Keynote Speaker: *Water Policy Dialog***  
Gerry Galloway, Vice President, Enterprise Engineering Group, Titan Corporation
- Highlights from September 2002 Water Policy Dialog (organized by the American Water Resources Association)
  - Future Plans
- Discussion, Approvals, Actions***
- 9:00 am     **Welcome and Introduction of New Participants**  
Bob Hirsch, ACWI Chair, USGS Associate Director for Water
- 9:15 am     **Review of Day 1 Actions and Day 2 Agenda**  
Toni Johnson, ACWI Executive Secretary  
Chief, USGS Water Information Coordination Program
- 9:30 am     **Status and Trends of the National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP)**  
Mike Norris, USGS NSIP Program Coordinator
- 9:50 am     **BREAK - 15 minutes**
- 10:05 am    **Subgroup Report: *Streamgaging Task Force***  
Tom Yorke, Yorke Consulting, Inc.
- Final Report of the Streamgaging Task Force ♦
- Discussion, Approvals, Actions***
- 10:35 am    **Subgroup Report: *Methods and Data Comparability Board (MDCB)***  
Herb Brass, EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Co-Chair
- Implementation of Previous Recommendations Endorsed by ACWI
    - Water Quality Data Elements (WQDE – Chemical & Microbiological)
    - Accreditation of Federal Laboratories
    - National Environmental Methods Index (NEMI)
  - Methods Comparability
  - Performance-Based Systems (COD Pilot)
- 11:15 am    • Update on WQDE – Biological  
Jerry Diamond, Tetra Tech, Inc.
- Discussion, Approvals, Actions***

- 11:45 am     **Subgroup Report: *Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable (SWRR)***  
Ethan T. Smith, Consultant
- Results of Water Roundtable Meetings
  - Revised Terms of Reference ♦
  - Products and Plans
- Discussion, Approvals, Actions***
- 12:15 pm     **BREAK for lunch - 1 hour 15 minutes**  
[on your own, many choices nearby]  
**NOTE: *Live Web Demo of NEMI***  
will be available in Ballroom during lunch break
- 1:30 pm     **Meeting resumes** [Ballroom, Salons A & B]  
**NOTE: *No formal afternoon break; coffee available from 2 pm***
- 1:30 pm     **Use of Expert Systems**  
Larry Keith, Instant Reference Sources  
with live Web demo of expert system  
***Discussion, Approvals, Actions***
- 2:00 pm     **USGS Stream Stats – Live Web Demo**  
Kernell Ries, USGS Office of Surface Water
- 2:30 pm     **Subgroup Report: *Subcommittee on Spatial Water Data (SSWD)***  
Bob Pierce, USGS Geographic Information Office
- Status and Plans for Spatial Water Data sets:
    - National Hydrography Data Set (NHD)
    - Watershed Boundary Data Set (WBD)
- Discussion, Approvals, Actions***
- 3:10 pm     **Subgroup Report: *Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) National Science and Policy Conference***  
Eileen O'Neill, Water Environment Federation (WEF)
- Proposal to move annual TMDL Conference from ACWI Subgroup to WEF Specialty Conference
- Discussion, Approvals, Actions***
- 3:40 pm     **Summary of ACWI 2003**  
Toni Johnson, ACWI Executive Secretary
- Action Items
  - Plans for next meeting
- 4:00 pm     **Adjourn ACWI 2003 Annual Meeting**  
***THANK YOU*** to all Members and Participants!
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